

Alignment of the 10 Essential Components of the *Palliative and End-of-life Care Blueprint for Improvement* against existing palliative and end-of-life standards

1. Comparing the ACI Blueprint Essential Components and the National Palliative Care Standards, 5th Edition

| Blueprint Essential Components→ National Palliative Care Standards | 1. Community expectations and perceptions | 2. Discussions and planning for future goals and needs | 3. Access across all settings to skilled and competent providers | 4. Early recognition | 5. Care on assessed need of patient, carer, family | 6. Seamless transitions across all care settings | 7. Access to specialist when needs are complex | 8. Quality care during the last days of life | 9. Supporting people through loss and grief | 10. Access to reliable, timely clinical information and data |
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| Assessment of needs | | √ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| 2. Developing the care plan | ✓ | ✓ | √ | | ✓ | ✓ | | √ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 3. Caring for carers | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 4. Providing care | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 5. Transitions within and between services | √ | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | | √ | √ |
| 6. Grief support | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| 7. Service culture | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 8. Quality improvement | ✓ | | | | | | √ | | | ✓ |
| Staff qualifications and training | | | √ | | | | √ | | | |